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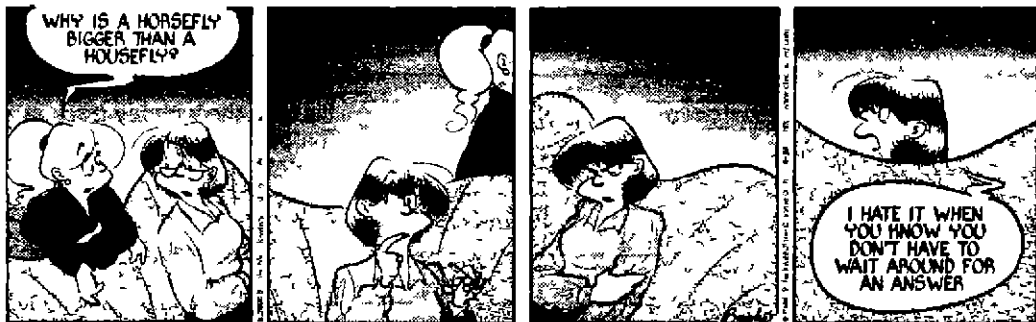
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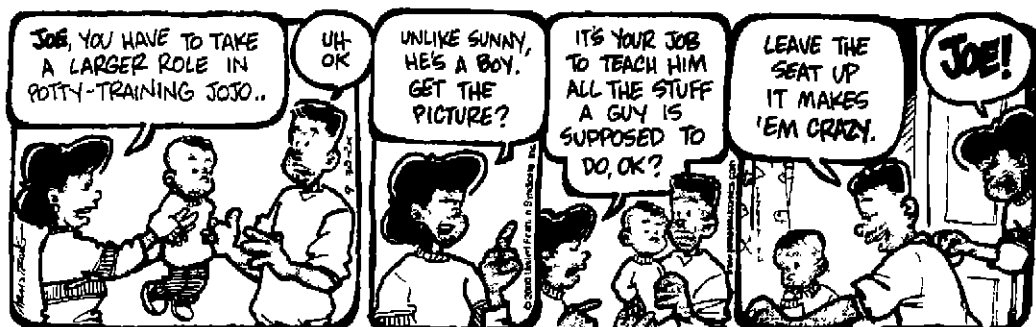
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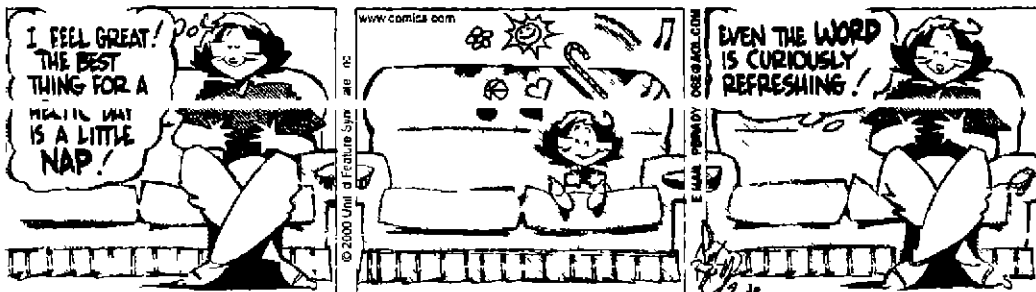
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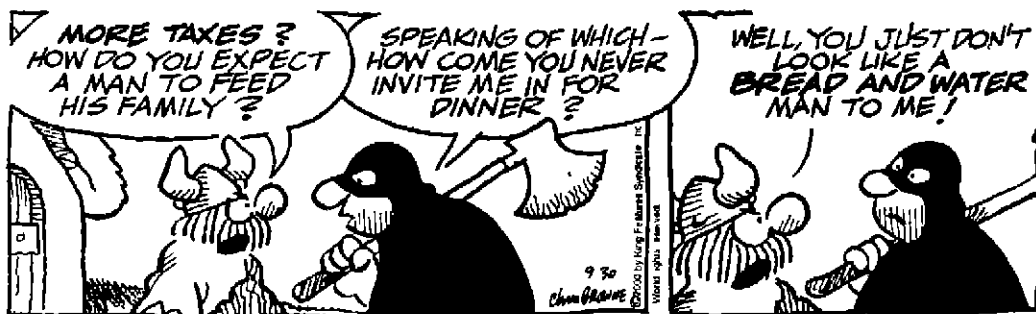
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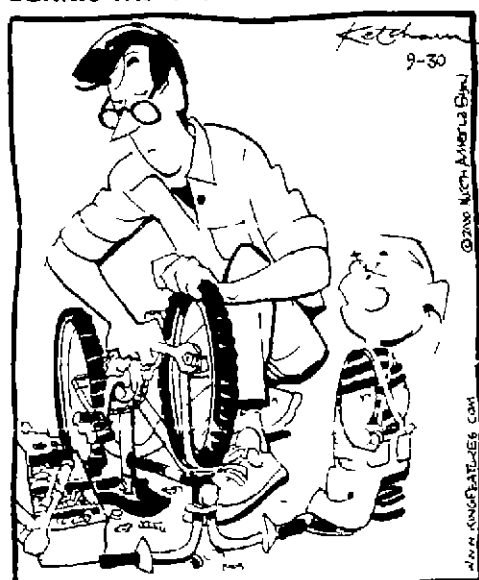
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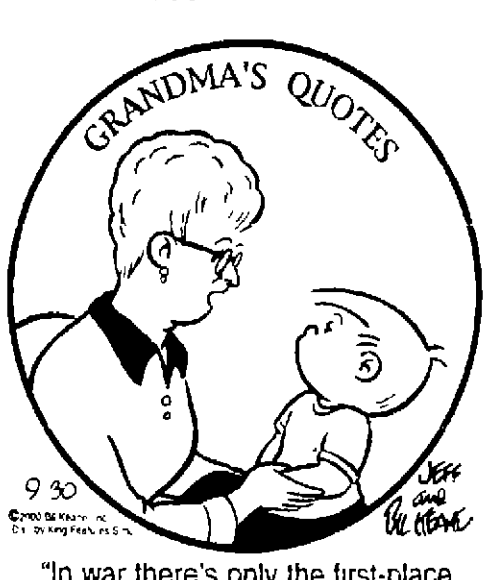
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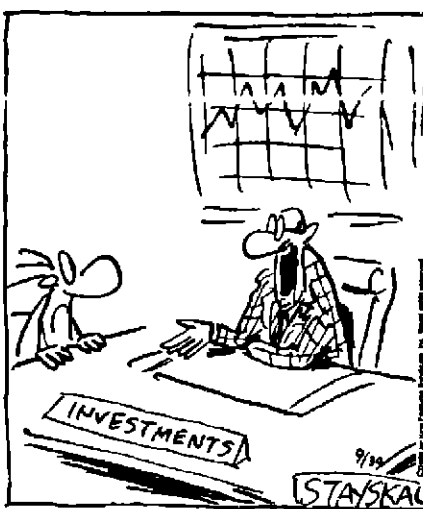
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Deborah Kerr is 79. Actress Angie Dickinson is 69. Singer Cissy Houston is 67. Singer Johnny Mathis is 65. Actor Len Cariou is 61. Rock singer-musician Dewey Martin (Buffalo Springfield) is 58. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 57. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 54. Singer Deborah Allen is 47. Actor Calvin Levels is 46. Actor Barry Williams is 46.

I NEED HELP



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PAR SCORE 135-145 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Gramblers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-30-00 2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Oct. 1, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Should a conflict arise with a friend or co-worker, make sure that you don't let your anger get out of hand.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new acquaintance casts a fresh light on a tricky situation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Issues of health are first and foremost on your mind.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Postpone all those oh-so-serious plans, and spend this time playing games instead.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Use your intuition when faced with a tricky personal decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You are placed in the fortunate position of delivering a message that makes someone else's day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) While you might be feeling frustrated with the pace at which your career is moving, rest assured that a change is about to come upon you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A burst of physical energy gives you the strength to finally complete a difficult project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Keep a low profile when it comes to a volatile situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A friend can provide the missing link that you need to solve a mystery.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Engaging in a socially useful activity takes your mind off minor worries.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you've never thought of yourself as an artist, think again.

WORD SLEUTH

DRAW THE LINE

DWVTRPNLKI LGECE
BZENILRETAWXWUN
SRPOTHRESHOLDMI
TLJIERETEMIREPL
IGEDBNSNAYXWUTH
DNEEHTIMILDEEPS
ESQPRLOLREDROBI
MNLALYRADNUOBRN
AKWAENILDAEDJUI
RHOENILTSAOCGCF
KGFTNIOPGNILIOB

Friday's unlisted clue: EGYPT
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue: A LINE BETWEEN STATES

Boiling point, Deadline, Load line, Threshold
Boundary, Finish line, Perimeter, Tidesmark
Coastline, Goal line, Speed limit, Waterline
Curb, Last straw, The end

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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South's slam in spite of the power auction. His double was a "Lightner" Slam Double, directing the opening lead. A Lightner double forbids the lead of a trump, a suit bid by the defenders, or an unbid suit. Basically, the double asks for an unusual lead. Although well-intentioned, East's double backfired. Instead of guiding West's lead, it alerted South to the winning play. When West led his spade king, a naive South would have played dummy's ace. East would have ruffed and the slam would have gone one down. South would have had no place to park his losing diamond, melting an ace cold slam to dewdrops. However, East's double should tell South that dummy's ace of spades is at risk. Therefore, instead of covering West's king, he allows West to hold the trick, giving him a Greek gift. After that, the defenders have no reply. South can overruff a spade, and after drawing trumps, he can discard his losing diamond on dummy's preserved spade ace. East's double was his best shot at defeating the slam. The double cost him 230 points (180 plus 50).

NORTH 3-4-4-4
A J 9 5 4 2
K 7
A 3 6 3
K J

WEST 4-4-4-4
A J 10 7 6
K 4
7 5 2
J 5 3

EAST 5-3-3-2
A 6 3 2
Q 10 9 8
Q 9 8 6 4 2

SOUTH 4-3-3-2
A K J 10 9 8 5
A 6 4
A 10

Vulnerable North South
Dealer North

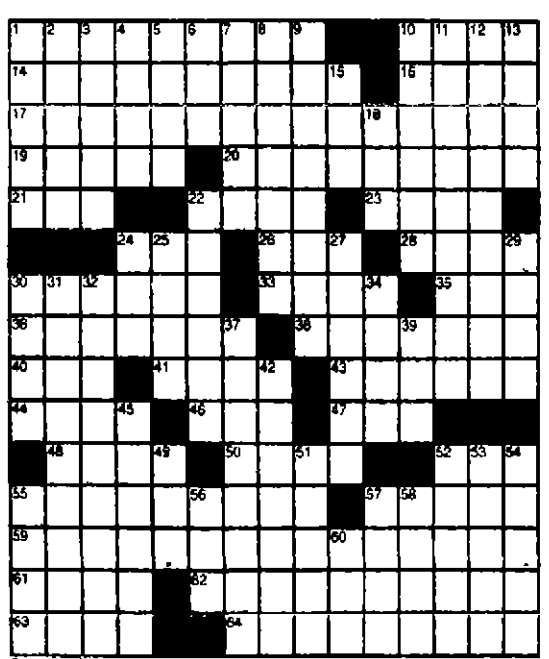
The bidding
North East South West
1♥ Pass Pass
4♥ Pass 4NT Pass
5♣ Pass 5NT Pass
6♠ Pass 6♥ Pass
Pass All pass
Promises honor

Opening lead: Spade king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0819

- ACROSS**
- 1 Like Miss Muffet, ultimately
 - 10 Idolize, with "on"
 - 14 It may be red, white or blue
 - 16 Construction site sight
 - 17 Bond e.g.
 - 19 Like some lips
 - 20 Big colloquially
 - 21 Plunk or plop precursor
 - 22 She played Lois on "Lois & Clark"
 - 23 Soprano Della Casa
 - 24 Gun
 - 26 Dwindle
 - 28 Daring dog
 - 30 Carry away
 - 33 6th century year
 - 35 Point
 - 36 City, Utah
 - 38 On the square
 - 40 Canon camera
 - 41 Indonesia is in it
 - 43 Occurring 40 to 55 million years ago
 - 44 One who rides in a pulka
 - 46 First name in zany comedy
 - 47 Alma mater of some engs
 - 48 Puller of a pulka
 - 50 Stationary store stock abbr
 - 52 UV index monitor
 - 55 Small time
 - 57 Two-time U.S. Open winner
 - 59 Victor Hugo villain
 - 61 "I ___ Dark Stranger" (Deborah Kerr film)
 - 62 Smarts
 - 63 Extra Abbr
 - 64 More magnificent
- DOWN**
- 1 Move stealthily
 - 2 Shell relative
 - 3 Spirit
 - 4 Actress Charlotte et al
 - 5 Infinitive with a circumflex
 - 6 Datebook abbr
 - 7 Amin's predecessor and successor
 - 8 Intensely excited
 - 9 Willing to talk
 - 10 Prepares for a long fight
 - 11 Bow e.g.
 - 12 President Benjamin Mkapa e.g.
 - 13 Noted sengraph artist
 - 15 La lead in
 - 18 Handy communication syst?
 - 22 VCR insert
 - 24 Floor piece?
 - 25 Bounce back, in a way



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SHAPED WASSAIL
CHOLERA IMPASSE
OUTDRAW TILTSAT
ONEACT CIIII
PTL HOUGH TESLA
RTE NOEL TAN
CREASERESISTANT
LOSTONESBALANCE
ISTANDCORRECTED
CIA SLUE DOE
KNUTE ATWAR DAB
RADIO SIMILE
REALISM UPDATES
PANICUE PEEKOUT
MUTATED INSERTS

- 27 Insect pests
- 29 Cutting the mustard
- 30 "Fear City" director Ferrara
- 31 Delocalized
- 32 Gave out
- 34 Chain with links?
- 37 Scrapbook entries
- 39 Pierre's here
- 42 Emulate a yogi
- 45 Favorite winter
- 49 Tavern order
- 51 Part of v v
- 52 Nicholas Gage best seller
- 53 By itself
- 54 Beach (seaside daisy)
- 55 Home of a famous tilter
- 56 Köln cry
- 57 Ed's request
- 58 Robbie's daredevil dad
- 60 Black

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